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Indy Pride Scholarship Program DEADLINE – OCTOBER 1, 2007

Each year, Indy Pride, Inc. provides scholarships to students who have worked to make Indiana a better place for the GLBT community. Monies for the scholarship are obtained through fundraising events such as Laugh Out Loud, the Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race & Silent Auction and the annual IN Pride Festival.

The scholarship deadline this year is October 1st. Scholarships are awarded in November at the annual Indy Pride Community Thanksgiving Event.

Scholarship applications are available through the website at www.indyprideinc.com. Once the application has been completed, mail applications to:

Indy Pride, Inc Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 44403
Indianapolis, IN 46244-0403

All applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2007 to be considered. Applications will be reviewed/awarded by the Scholarship Committee.

Twelve Candidates Receive Nominations

Twelve candidates have been nominated for the Indy Pride Board of Directors. The candidates are: Gary Brackett, Natasha Dowell, Tiffany Dow, Vivian Farris, Nicole Griffin, Nic Hensley, Dan Maxwell, Eric Munsch, Brad Plunkett, Steve Turner, Scott Vankirk, and Chad Walker. Listed below are the candidate statements. Elections will be held on **Wednesday, September 19** during the Indy Pride Annual General Membership Meeting at the Old Centrum (12th & Central). Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Gary Brackett

I am pleased to be nominated again to serve as a member of Indy Pride's Board of Directors. It has been my privilege to serve as a member of the Indy Pride Board for the past five years. As most of you know, for the past four years, I have served as President of Indy Pride. In my role as President, I have helped lead the organization from a Festival which attracted 6,000 people to one that now attracts over 30,000. In addition to the growth in attendance at the Pride events, through my efforts, the Indy Pride Parade was begun and has become an integral part of the events. During my tenure with Indy Pride, I have written and edited the Indy Pride newsletter, *Pride Press*; solicited sponsorships; chaired the *Pride Guide* committee; solicited entertainers for Laugh OUT Loud and Pride; coordinated the Indy Pride Bag Lady events; and, volunteered wherever I was needed. I would like to continue to serve on the Board to provide support as we transition to a new President and continue to grow as an organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Tiffany Dow

I have been a board member of Indy Pride for the last two years, serving as Secretary and as the chair of the Cookout committee for IN Pride 2006 and 2007. I am also on the board of Indiana Black Pride. Being a member of both organizations has given me the ability to bring a different perspective to issues raised during my time on the Indy Pride board. Indy Pride is a great resource for the LGBT community. I love being a part of

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GLBT HISTORY

Part of the mission and purpose of Indy Pride, Inc. is "to educate the GLBT Community about GLBT history, of the issues which affect it, both social and political and of the resources which are available to its members within the community."



Lance Bass was born on May 4, 1979, to Jim Bass, a science lab technician, and Diane Bass, an elementary school teacher, in Laurel, Mississippi. He has one older sister named Stacy. He moved to Clinton, Mississippi at age 10 and soon after began his musical career, singing as a chorus member for both his church and his school. While a student at Clinton High School, Bass joined Mississippi Show Stoppers, a state-wide group sponsored by the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, and was a member of Attache, a competitive show-choir group that traveled across the country.

During his time as a student, Bass's two favorite subjects were "math, then science." He developed a fascination with space as a young child, and, after attending space camp at age 12 near, his heart was set on becoming an astronaut. He aspired to attend college and study engineering, with the hope that he would one day work for NASA. However, Bass's heavy touring schedule with 'N Sync forced him to complete his second half of high school through an on-the-road tutorial program; Bass has never attended college.

In 1995, Bass joined J. C. Chasez and Justin Timberlake, along with Joey Fatone and Chris Kirkpatrick, in 'N Sync, a "boy band" turned overnight sensation. After former member Jason Watkins decided to leave the group, the band went searching for a bass singer. Justin Timberlake recruited Bass into the group, following the recommendation of a vocal coach the two shared. The group toured Germany throughout 1996, before

hitting it big in the United States two years later. In 2000, the group released the fastest-selling record of all time, *No Strings Attached*, and in 2001 followed it up with their *Celebrity* album which scored the second highest first-week album sales ever.

Bass starred in the 2001 movie *On The Line*, co-starring fellow 'N Sync band member Joey Fatone. The film was produced by Bass's production company, Bacon & Eggs (formerly known as A Happy Place), and featured appearances by Jerry Stiller, Al Green, Bon Jovi, and guitarist Richie Sambora. Miramax marketed the film heavily towards 'N Sync's teen fans, and the film's soundtrack featured songs by teen pop sensations Mandy Moore along with previously unreleased tracks by 'N Sync and Britney Spears. However, the film was a box-office flop, and grossed only \$4.3 million.

Bass announced that he is gay in a front page cover story for *People* magazine on July 26, 2006, after having publicly denied rumors and tabloid reports since at least 2002. There had been considerable speculation about his sexuality due to numerous paparazzi snapshots of him at gay bars and nightclubs, most notably during the preceding July 4th weekend in Provincetown.

Celebrity gossip blogger Perez Hilton had consistently posted items on his website about Bass's sexuality beginning in September 2005. However, Bass and his friends have claimed that it was not Hilton who outed him, but instead a blurb that ran in the *Page Six* gossip column. Bass's mother read the blurb, and immediately went on the internet to discover various gossip sites reporting on her son's sexuality. "The worst part about it was my mom found out not from me," said Bass. The announcement received a large amount of media attention, and the American public's reaction was generally positive. One gossip blog even went on to say it was "a sign of the times, that someone so apple-pie American can come out on the cover of *People*."

On October 6, 2006, the Human Rights Campaign awarded Bass its 2006 Visibility Award. On July 26, 2007, Bass celebrated the one year anniversary of his coming out with a letter to his fans on his MySpace page, in which he stated that coming out was "the best thing I have ever done."

Information obtained from various internet websites.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed below are upcoming Indy Pride Events. Mark your calendars to come out and join the fun!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO RESTAURANT

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

INDY PRIDE ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - BOARD ELECTIONS

OLD CENTRUM – 12TH & CENTRAL AVENUE

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

INDY PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING

PLACE: INDY PRIDE OFFICE – OLD CENTRUM

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

PRIDE BAG LADY FUNDRAISING SHOW

PLACE: TALBOTT STREET

DOORS OPEN: 7:00 P.M.

SHOWTIME: 8:00 P.M.

COVER CHARGE: \$5.00 DONATION TO AIDS

WALK & RIDE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

**27TH ANNUAL PRIDE BAG LADY BUS TOUR
ONE NIGHT ONLY! – WATCH FOR DETAILS!**

Quote of the Month:

If Michelangelo had been straight, the Sistine Chapel would have been wallpapered.

~Comedian Robin Tyler

that, and would be honored to be given a chance to continue serving on the board of an organization that is needed by our community.

Natasha Dowell

I am an equal rights and bisexual activist residing in Indianapolis, Indiana . While majoring in Journalism at IUPUI, she happily spends her days as owner of *BT Magazine*, playing Burt (her alto saxophone) in a glbta band, and enjoying time with her family and friends.

Vivian Farris

It would be my pleasure and honor to once again to be a Board Member for Indy Pride this year. I have been a board member since 2004, serving on committees such as Laugh Out Loud and Indy Pride Entertainment Stage Committee. I also assisted in rewriting the Scholarship program as it is today. I continuously donate our Talbott Street space for fundraising efforts, to include; Indy Pride Bag Ladies, IYG, Laugh Out Loud, Aids Walk, just to name a few. My goal this upcoming year is to continue demonstrating my fundraising efforts and donating my time and dedication to our community. I would appreciate your vote in this upcoming election.

Nicole Griffin

Since I returned to Indianapolis in 2000, I have been an active volunteer in the GLBT Community. I consider many members of the GLBT community, immediate family. This marks my second year of being an Indy Pride member, although I have participated in the AIDS walk and Indy Pride Festival for the past five years. Last year was my first year as a volunteer at Indy Pride and I look forward to volunteering again next year. Also, I have supported various functions benefiting the Damien Center and Indiana Youth Group. It is an honor and a privilege to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for Indy Pride. I look forward to making many positive contributions to the GLBT community if elected and contributing everything I can to continue making the Indy Pride Festival such a huge success.

Nic Hensley

I have been a member of Indy Pride for two years and have been involved in the GLBT Community for the last seven years. I am very interested in becoming more involved with Indy Pride because it does so much for the GLBT community and promotes diversity in general. My partner and I own Hoaglin Fine Catering and have been actively involved with many GLBT organizations including Indy Pride, The Damien Center, AIDS Walk and I.Y.G. through not only volunteering but also the donation of products and services. I feel that my background in the event planning industry would be beneficial when helping with the planning and execution of events for Indy Pride. I truly believe that I could be a strong asset to the Board and look forward to a long relationship with Indy Pride. Thanks for your consideration.

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Pride Bag Ladies Plan Events for October

Thursday, October 11 – The Pride Bag Ladies and the Ladies of Legend will present a show to raise money for the AIDS Walk & Ride. Performers will include: Ladies of Legend, Sequoia Pentecost, Donna Rhea, Carolina Fox, Rода Kihl and Special Guest: June Taylor! Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. Cover charge is a \$5.00 donation to the AIDS Walk & Ride. All performer's tips will be donated to the AIDS Walk & Ride.

Sunday, October 21 – The second annual Pride Bag Lady Queen Pageant will be held on Sunday, October 21 at Talbott Street. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. The pageant will begin at 8:00 p.m. Contestants should be at Talbott Street no later than 7:00 p.m. Contestants will be judged in evening wear, sports wear and interview. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Gregory Powers Direct Financial Assistance (DEFA) Fund as part of the Pride Bag Lady Bus Tour. Everyone is encouraged to enter the pageant.

Saturday, October 27 - The 27th Annual Pride Bag Lady Bus Tour will be held. Registration for this year's Bus Tour will be \$50.00 per person. Pride Bag Ladies who are members of Indy Pride will receive a \$10.00 discount. This year's theme is *One Night Only: An Evening of Mischief & Madness!* Watch for more details on the Indy Pride website: www.indyprideinc.com.

Candidate Statements Continued

Daniel Maxwell

Prior to my arrival in Indianapolis, I served on the Tucson AIDS Project and later the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 1994 – 1998; served as the advisor to the GLBT student organization at Western Illinois University, 1999 – 2006; and a public speaker on leadership, multicultural issues and community development, 1990 to the present. Throughout my first year in Indianapolis, I became actively involved in Indy Pride, the IYG Youth Leadership program and currently sit on the IYG Advisory Board to the Board of Directors. In addition, I have worked with the Damien Center and the Indiana AIDS walk. I look forward to the opportunity to serving the community as a member of the Indy Pride Board and believe my collective experiences to date Through his work in Higher Education, Dan has a commitment to assisting student leaders in developing their own leadership styles, accepting the role of a leader and the responsibility which goes with the position and promoting diversity education which challenges the heart, the mind and the soul. I relocated to Indianapolis in July 2006 to work at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis as the Director of the Campus Center. I have previously worked at Western Illinois University, the University of Arizona, and Syracuse University. With a Bachelors degree from Syracuse University and a Masters degree from the University of Miami (FL), I am in my twentieth year working in Higher Education. Professionally, I am a member of four higher education professional associations. For one in particular, Association of College Unions International, I have served as a leadership facilitator and Coordinator, a regional officer, President-Elect and two terms as the President. I currently serve the Association as the Chair of the Education and Research Fund Program Team

Eric Munsch

I have been a volunteer and board member of Indy Pride, Inc. since 1998, serving as both its Vice President and Treasurer. During this time period I have had the good fortune to watch and help Indy Pride grow from a bankrupt and all-but-ignored organization to the successful and respected community organization it has become today. During my tenure with Indy Pride, and as a result of my involvement with Indy Pride, I have also been able to donate my time and even chair events for organizations within the GLBT Communities such as IYG, HRC, Indiana Equality, Crossroads Performing Arts, The Grande Masquerade, St Louis Pride, Justice, Inc./Justice Pride, and LGBT Fairness. Currently I have the good fortune to also sit on the board of directors as President

of The Pride of Indy Band and Color Guard, a subsidiary of Indy Pride, Inc. During this year alone we have not only regularly volunteered our time and talents within Indiana's GLBT Communities, but also outside of Indiana with Cleveland Pride, Columbus Pride, and Michigan Pride. While Indy Pride has come a long way, I feel it can still go further. Having learned so much from my tenure with Indy Pride, I hope to use that knowledge to contribute more in the next years to making that happen.

Brad Plunkett

I am currently a pharmacist at Bioscrip Pharmacy. I have been with Bioscrip for 9.5 years. Bioscrip has allowed me and my colleagues many opportunities to serve and support the LGBT community through the work we do at the pharmacy. I have served on the board of Indy Pride for the last 4 years. In my time on the board, I have served as the entertainment co-chair and the vendor chair for the Pride Festival as well as co-chair for Laugh Out Loud. In addition to my work with Indy Pride, I am also very active in the HIV/AIDS community in Indianapolis. I am currently on the Indiana Comprehensive HIV Services Planning Advisory Council. I have also been on the steering committee for the AIDS Walk in past years. I have enjoyed all of the opportunities that I have been given to work with the LGBT community and look forward to many more.

Harold Turner (Steve)

Let me start by saying how thankful I am being nominated to serve the Indy Pride Board of Directors. I also want to express how much of a privilege it would be and how hard I will work if elected to the board. For those who don't know me, I am an openly gay 12 year Lieutenant of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. My current assignment is the middle shift commander for downtown district. For the last three years, I have been very active in the GLBT community. During the past few years, I have voluntarily worked as uniformed security during the Pride Parade/Festival, AIDS Walk and the Indy 250 Tricycle Race. This last year, I served as Co-Chair for Security for the entire Pride Festival. During this same period of time, I have also volunteered for the Bagladies bus tour for security and traffic assistance. My partner, Sam, is an active "Virgin Baglady." I have also attended several fundraisers at Talbott Street to benefit IYG, Pride Band, the softball team, etc. From my observations, Indy Pride has great leadership. I have watched and learned from many current board members; many of whom I now consider friends. I believe my work ethic, experience and dedication to the ENTIRE GLBT Community will make me an asset as an Indy Pride Board Member. Thank you for your consideration. Steve T.

Scott Vankirk

It is an honor to be nominated again to the Indy Pride's Board of Directors in order to continue my service to the community. After serving on the Board for the past two years I have been Vice-president, Sponsorship Chair, Parade Chair, and have "pitched in" where ever else I have been needed. My passion for Indy Pride runs deep, I and consider my past experience invaluable in helping provide leadership for the future. I have served countless committees and Boards within the LGBT Community as well as throughout every aspect of life within Indianapolis. As the managing owner of ExpoDesign, a parade and event, company I feel I can also bring the perspective of running a business to the Board as well as provide access to its resources. Through a very hands on approach, I feel I can continue the forward momentum of Indy Pride and the LGBT community as a whole. Thank you for your consideration.

Chad Walker

I have had the honor to serve the LGBTQ community as a member of the Board of Directors of Indy Pride, Inc. for the past two years. During this time, I have served as legal counsel to the board, providing legal guidance to the organization with respect to various organizational, contractual and risk management issues and helping re-write the by-laws to streamline the election process. During my first year, I chaired the nominations committee and oversaw the elections process under the new guidelines provided in the revised by-laws. This past year, I had the pleasure of serving as your Treasurer. During my term, I have created checks and balances for the Treasurer position, written financial policies and procedures, and have provided a transparent accounting of the fiscal transactions of Indy Pride. For the past three years, I have served on various Indy Pride Festival committees and have witnessed the amazing growth of this important event. I come to you as a candidate with deep passion for the mission of Indy Pride and a devotion to our community. It would be an honor to serve you for another term on the Indy Pride, Inc. Board of Directors.